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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A foil bag comprising:
flattened and optionally side folded foil bag portions;
a sealed bottom;
a number of punched openings in the vicinity of the upper edges of the foil bag to be unfolded, whereby a bundle of foil bags are configured to be supported by a foil bag opening machine having a pin support; and
one or more openings being located adjacent to the upper edge and having a diameter which is substantially equal or even greater than the external pin diameter of the support, and wherein the front flat foil bag portion has ~~one or more incisions~~ an incision between the upper edge and the opening, wherein,
the incision is extending from the upper edge to the said opening, in such a way that an essentially straight continuous incision is provided between the opening and the upper edge.
2. **(Cancelled).**
3. **(Cancelled).**
4. **(Previously Presented)** A foil bag according to Claim 1, wherein the rearward flat foil bag portion has no incisions extending from the upper edge to the opening.
5. **(Cancelled).**
6. **(Previously Presented)** A foil bag according to claim 1, wherein the front side folds have openings and incisions similar to the front flat foil bag portion.
7. **(Previously Presented)** A foil bag according to Claim 1, wherein the rearward side folds have openings and incisions similar to the rearward flat foil portion.
8. **(Previously Presented)** A foil bag according to Claim 1, wherein at least one incision extends in a radial direction with respect to the circular opening.
9. **(Previously Presented)** A foil bag according to Claim 1, wherein at least one incision comprises a continuously punched cut.
10. **(Previously Presented)** A foil bag according to Claim 1, wherein at least one incision is formed from punched cuttings.

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11. **(Previously Presented)** A foil bag according to Claim 1, wherein the opening is of a polygonal shape and comprises incisions extending in a circumferential direction around the opening.

12. **(Previously Presented)** A foil bag according to Claim 1, wherein the internal circumferential border of the opening is provided with an amount of polygonal modular shapes, in such a way that the required shear and tensile movement of the foil bag is promoted from the point of connection with respect to the pin support.

13. **(Previously Presented)** A foil bag according to Claim 1, wherein at least one incision located at a minimum distance from the external circumference has a straight shape.

14. **(Previously Presented)** A foil bag according to Claim 1, wherein at least one incision is at least partly formed as a punched opening.

15. **(Previously Presented)** A foil bag according to Claim 1, wherein the upper edge of the foil bag is perpendicular and has straight incisions which extend from said upper edge to the external circumference of the opening and further extend beyond the lower circumferential edge over a length of at least a few mm to about 2 cm.

16. – 20. **(Cancelled)**.